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Inventor Application of:

Examiner: L. Thanh

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Thanh:

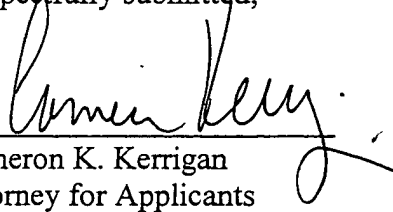
This is a response to the notice mailed on 2/20/02 having a one-month shortened statutory period to respond. As indicated in the notice, the response to the Office Action filed on 12/20/01 has been deemed non-responsive for failure to include a signature and date. A second copy of the Office Action is enclosed and has been properly signed and dated. Applicants request entrance and consideration of the response to the Office Action dated 7/27/01.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 07-1850 for any extension of time fees as may be required.

Date: March 3, 2002

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cameron K. Kerrigan", written over a horizontal line.

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